

PREDICT RISE IN PRICE OF COTTON

Mill Owners of State Say Staple Will Reach 25 Cents.

(Special to The News Scimitar.) KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 17.—Cotton growers throughout Tennessee have their raw cotton on hands and merchants who depend upon them for trade have their storehouses filled with high-priced goods marked down to bargain. Cotton mill men look for an increase in price within a few weeks, and by July they expect that the staple will reach a price of 25 cents a pound. Cotton mills in the state are running on half time, with only a slight cut in wages. They expect to be running on full time by March 1, when jobbers and retailers will be placing their orders for fall trade. "Bonded warehouses are being promoted throughout the state to enable farmers to hold their cotton at least until July," says C. E. Brehm, assistant director of the division of extension, University of Tennessee. "A decrease of 31-3 in acreage is advocated for next year's crop."

"Many farmers in Tennessee have gone broke as a direct result of the slump," but this probably will not reach more than 1 per cent of the whole. Many farmers invested their profits of last year in high-priced land, and planted it to cotton, which was cultivated with high-priced labor. Actual hardships will be worked on many of the smaller ones as a result of this. Many of them do not raise anything but cotton. Acreage in the state for 1919 was 775,000, while for 1920, the estimate is that it will reach slightly over this amount. Much relief is expected from the bonded warehouse proposition, which will permit farmers to borrow money on their raw cotton, and thus tide them over the peak of the greatest pinch.

"S. W. Duggin, general manager of one of the largest cotton mills in the state, declares that the acreage should be reduced not less than 50 per cent for 1921. I have just returned from New York, where I talked to a man just back from Europe. He told me that conditions over there were many times worse than the public knew about, and that it would require at least two years for readjustments. Until that time, he insisted, conditions in the United States could not be favorable. "We look for mills to begin operation on full time about March 1," Mr. Duggin said. "Jobbers and retailers are stocked up for the winter supply, but they will begin buying for the fall trade in the early spring. Most of the mills throughout the state are running on half time now; many of them have orders for their products, but many of them are piling up a reserve to be ready when the demands for new supplies starts again."

GARY SIDES WITH JAPS; HITS JINGOS

Says Deliberate Effort Being Made to Stir Trouble.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Denouncing what he termed "a vicious and deliberate effort to stir up trouble between the people of Japan and the United States," Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United Steel corporation, declared in an address here at the annual dinner of the Japan society, of New York, that should the two nations clash, "the people of this country will be more to blame than the people of Japan."

VASSAR W. DACUS DIES AT HOME IN GREENWOOD

(Special to The News Scimitar.) GREENWOOD, Miss., Dec. 17.—Vassar W. Dacus, aged 28, one of the best-known business men of this section, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home here from a stroke of apoplexy. He had been in ill health for some time, but his condition was not thought to be serious.

Mr. Dacus was born in Oxford, and came to this city several years ago. He was a member of the governor's military staff and of the Mississippi Union league board.

CHAMBERS IS HELD TO GRAND JURY AT LEPANTO

LEPANTO, Ark., Dec. 17.—D. Smith Chambers, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff W. R. Shields here last week, was held without bail to the grand jury in the preliminary hearing here. He was brought here from Jonesboro, where he had been taken for safe keeping and after the trial was returned to that place. L. M. Bow, also held in connection with the killing, was released under a bond of \$1,000.

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NEGRO KILLS PLANTER; LYNCHING IS FEARED

Man Slain When He Attempted to Quiet Black.

(Special to The News Scimitar.) ALLIGATOR, Miss., Dec. 17.—

Feeling is running high in this section as a result of a killing late yesterday afternoon of G. R. Williams, three miles southeast of this place, by a negro named Albert Lanier, who was a tenant on an adjoining plantation. Lanier, after having severely beaten his father-in-law and secured his money, secured a rifle and crossed to a negro house on Williams' place and started a disturbance.

Mr. Williams, hearing the racket went over to investigate and after reprimanding Lanier for his conduct, ordered him back to his own side. Williams then turned and started to ride off and was shot by Lanier. A tenant of Williams being near by rushed up to him, secured his pistol and pursued Lanier into a canebrake, several shots being exchanged between them, but none taking effect. The brute has been surrounded by a posse of armed citizens and Gant's bloodhounds from Crystal Springs will arrive this morning to take the trail.

Williams was very popular in this section, is survived by a wife and three small children, and a lynching is probable if Lanier is apprehended by members of the posse.

TO TEST "MENTAL AGES" OF ARKANSAS STUDENTS

PAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Dec. 17.—

Intelligence tests to determine the "mental age" of all local public school pupils above the third grade are being made here by Dr. A. M. Jordan, of the University of Arkansas, in connection with a thorough survey of the entire school system of Fort Smith. Those who are conducting the survey include: Dr. A. M. Jordan, Dr. H. G. Hotz and Dean J. R. Jewell, of the University of Arkansas; Superintendent H. B. Bruner, of Okmulgee, Okla.; Superintendent John J. Rossman, of Stuttgart, and Prof. Frank Hartin, of the State Normal school.

Following Dr. Jordan's intelligence tests, an elaborate grade-table will be constructed by Dr. Hotz, based on the mental age, rather than the chronological age, of the pupils. This, it is claimed, is the first time grade tables of this kind have been used in an entire city school system.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Houston announced the over-subscription by \$200,000,000 of the two issues of treasury certificates offered last week. The total subscriptions aggregated over \$700,000,000, the secretary said, for the combined issue, which was for approximately \$500,000,000.

The issues were offered to meet in part the \$340,000,000 in maturities of certificates and interest payments due and \$300,000,000 maturing next month, as well as current expenses which it is estimated the \$650,000,000 due from income taxes will not cover.

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